

# The Army Arrives

WELCOME TO THE 236TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE

CONTINENTAL ARMY'S MARCH TO VALLEY FORGE

## Thursday, December 19th

6PM - 8PM

### Visitor Center

#### 18th Century Music

Enjoy musical performances by the [Colonial Revelers](#), and join in with familiar carols and traditional colonial dancing.

#### Meet General Washington

Mingle with the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army and learn about the trials and tribulations of the nation's war for independence as of December 1777.

#### Sample American Heritage Chocolate

Watch a historic chocolate making demonstration and sample an 18th century hot chocolate recipe featuring [American Heritage Chocolate](#).

#### Art in the Park Exhibits

In addition to a unique collection of Revolutionary War artifacts, two additional art displays will be on exhibit: *The March To Valley Forge* by William T. Trego (1883), depicts the Continental Army as they marched in to Valley Forge on December 19, 1777.

*Home at Valley Forge 1777-1778*, an impressive quilt display of the winter Encampment which includes soldiers, women, and children of the Encampment, Varnum's and Huntington's Headquarters, and much more. Meet local artist, Lois Charles, and view her handiwork.

Explore the *Valley Forge Gallery Café*, a new rotating exhibit featuring photographs and sketches from participants of the park's [Landscapes and Structures Photography Program](#) and the Changing Landscape Art Program for students.

*The Encampment Store will be open for holiday shopping.*

### Theater

#### Candle-lit Guided Tours

Walks depart approximately every 20 minutes. Travel with a Continental Soldier 1/4 mile along the Joseph Plumb Martin Trail, which will be patrolled by Washington's Guards, to the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts. Last walk of the evening departs at 7:45 PM.

### Muhlenberg Brigade Hut Area

#### Tour the Huts

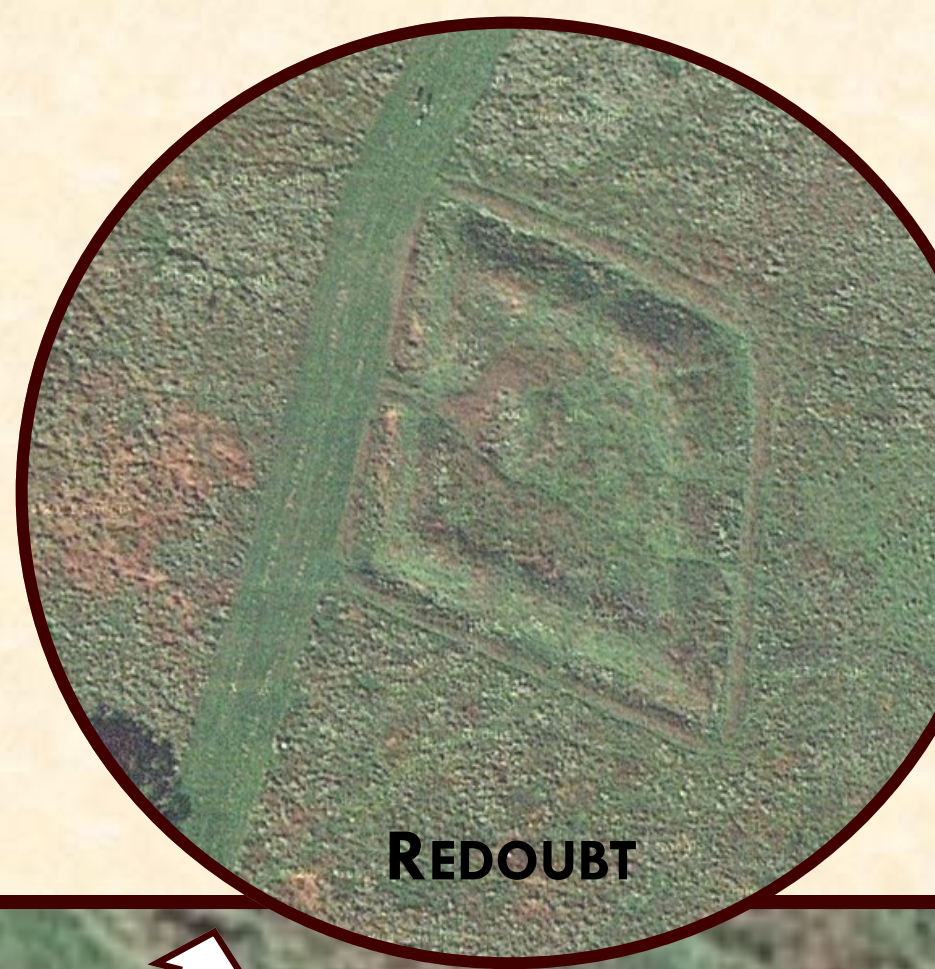
Each hut focuses on a different encampment theme including: hut construction, soldier life, supplies, the army's impact on civilian life during the encampment, and camp followers. A hands on children's activity station will also be located along the company street.

#### Warm Up Around the Campfire

Hear stories about the first three years of the American Revolution by Continental Soldiers around the fire pit.

#### Visit the Redoubt

Take a walk beyond the company street and visit the recreated redoubt, an earthen fortification which would have been built by the army to help protect the encampment against a possible British attack.



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From all of us  
at Valley Forge,  
Happy Holidays!